the companies from time to time during the last about 3 years.

(c) to (e) The question of imposing interest at the stipulated rate and recovering the amount along-with the interest as arrears of land revenue by referring the matter to the Collector concerned is under active consideration.

Down stream Naphtha Cracker Units at Visakhapatnam

*106. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh wrote a letter on the 7th January, 1991 for setting up of Naphtha Cracker Down Stream Units at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister in his letter urged early clearance to the down stream units of the naphtha cracker at Visakhapatnam.

(b) Proposals for setting up of down stream units of the Naphtha cracker at Visakhapatnam are under process.

Promotion of Hindi through Roman Script

*107. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are examining the feasibility of promoting the study of Hindi in Roman script for the benefit of the people in the non-Hindi speaking States; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Dangerous effects of Pesticides used in Agriculture

*109. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent WHO publication entitled Public Health impact of Pesticides used in Agriculture; and

(b) whether Government would keep in view the dangerous effects of pesticides on public health while evolving a National Pesticides Policy?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Existing legislations namely. Insecticides Act, 1968, Prevention of Food Adulteration, Act, 1954 and the Rules framed thereunder provide the legal framework for regulating the use of pesticides. The use of pesticides is regulated under these laws fully keeping in view public health considerations.

Indigenous Oil Production

*111. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the indigenous oil production at present vis-a-vis our current requirement;

(b) whether it is a fact that **a** number of exploratory wells drilled are smaller in size as compared to those in China and other countries;